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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open**

Trustee Dressler called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed Tim Boley from the Summit County Engineer's Office. Trustee Bruce Koellner was absent.

**Presentation - Copley Creative Solutions –**

Allison Chrien, Manager of Copley Creekside Farmer's Market, and Cindy Thompson, Assistant Manager, were present to propose an idea to the Board of Trustees of holding a farmer's market on Friday evenings at Copley Circle. Mrs. Chrien gave a brief history of the Copley Creekside Farmers Market which began in 2012 by local business owners to increase traffic and was held on Thursday, late afternoon to evening. After Mrs. Chrien took it over, activity increased over the last three years. But, after attending a Farmers Market sustainability training workshop, she realized that the Thursday night market would not be sustainable. Mrs. Chrien said there are over 10,000 farmers markets across the country (years-ago data) that create healthy communities by increasing access to healthy foods. participation in the SNAP benefit program with produce perks for non-profit markets, preserves farmland and rural livelihood, stimulates the local economy, brings foot traffic to the area, and is a small business incubator as vendors use the farmers market as a testing ground to start their own business and grow to brick and mortar. The proposal is to hold the market on Friday evenings on Copley Circle with more foodie oriented vendors and creating a whole event around it. This would include art, entertainment, and wine samplings. To do this, they would have to apply for non-profit status. Contacts were made to CVS, Copley-Fairlawn Schools and Walterville to address parking concerns and all were willing to accommodate parking areas. Mrs. Chrien addressed restroom facilities and entertainment. Pedestrian safety would need to be discussed further. Electricity access would be needed from the Township. Suggested for lighting would be string lights. There are 15-20 vendors that is being proposed for the Circle.

**Questions from the Board of Trustees:**

- ✓ Number of vendors for Heritage Days when it was on the Circle? Thirty-five; not counting food trucks, which were around six.
- ✓ Where would the vendors Park? Inside Walterville.
- ✓ Why not keep at Huth properties? Would not work at Huth because the Circle is considered a community space, and everyone is welcome. Huth is a private space. Does not feel open and inviting.
- ✓ Would Township personnel be needed? Would be handled by the market managers unless the Township would be more comfortable with Township personnel there to assure pedestrians are crossing safely.
- ✓ Would the musical entertainment take away from the Sunday night concerts? No, because the music would be a different genre and should not conflict with Sunday night.

Trustee Schulte felt that the more activity on Copley Circle with more traffic and more permanent establishments, would lend itself to economic development. Discussion followed.

Trustee Dressler felt parking was an issue. The trustees were told parking would be directed to designated areas. Visitors do not come all at once, noting that the field at Huth was never filled up, even on event days. Trustee Schulte said pedestrian access and parking is a big hurdle. "While he is a supporter, it was a big hurdle." Referring to the traffic issue, Trustee Dressler said he would like to affirm support from the police department regarding traffic. Discussion followed on lighting in and around the Circle. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Trustee Dressler said he would prefer to wait on a decision until Trustee Koellner is present at the next meeting in two weeks. He said he would also want to speak with the

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department heads. Trustee Dressler thanked Mrs. Chrien and Mrs. Thompson for their presentation.

**Board of Trustees**

**2020-18 Resolution** requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to consider changing the speed limit on S.R. 162 and around Copley Circle to 25 MPH. Janice Marshall said she contacted ODOT and it was suggested to consider the area between Schoolcraft and Sunset flowing east and west. Mrs. Marshall was informed she would have to send a similar request to the County for Cleveland Massillon Road.

**Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte.** Discussion on the Resolution. Trustee Dressler asked Tim Boley his opinion. Mr. Boley said he has seen one similar on Portage Lakes Drive. He felt that for Cleveland Massillon the area for speed limit reduction would be from Sawmill to the north and Hammond to the south. Trustee Schulte felt to reduce the speed limit on Cleveland Massillon would be more problematic. **Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**2020-18.1 Resolution** requesting the Summit County Engineer to consider changing the speed limit on Cleveland Massillon Road from the railroad tracks to Hammond Boulevard to 25 MPH. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer.**

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special and Regular meeting minutes of January 27, 2020. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

**2020-19 Resolution** approving the transfer of \$10,680.28 from Fund #2916 - Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS) to Fund #2081 Police District Fund and to Forward to the Tax Commissioner of Ohio. Trustee Dressler asked Chief Mier his opinion. Chief Mier said he still wanted to provide (program) locally for the schools and service organizations and occasionally for the County. Janice Marshall explained that the money in Fund 2916 was donated from outside organizations, to pay for the overtime payroll for the officers that went for the Hidden in Plain Sight demonstrations. It was not taken from that fund, but charged to the Police District Fund instead, which needs to be repaid. This is not money to be used in the future, it is money that was spent in the past, that needs to be repaid to the Police Department, not to the General Fund. Trustee Schulte said the Resolution was worded correctly. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**2020-20 Resolution** granting permission to repay an advance from the General Fund to Fund #2931 REWORKS Reimbursable Grant in the amount of \$17,304.00. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

Referring to a liquor permit request for the Kintaro Group from the last meeting, Ms. Peiffer asked the Board if they wished to request a hearing. Trustee Dressler said asked Chief Mier his opinion. Chief Mier said he didn't think they need to request a hearing because it is fundamentally the same use as was there before, a restaurant. "A typical liquor license that restaurants have. We didn't have any issues there lately. And the issues we had was the former business owner allowing employees to use that location as their home address. We asked them to straighten that out, so since they did, we didn't have any issues. So, I think they are okay." Chief Mier said if by some chance, that business was to start to create problems for us, in October the Trustees have the opportunity to request a hearing at that time. **Trustee Dressler moved to not request a hearing for the liquor permit request for the Kintaro Group, Trustee Schulte second; the motion carried.**

Ms. Peiffer reported she received correspondence from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control stating that the liquor permit application for JMD

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International dba Fairbridge Inn Suites was denied. JMD has thirty days to appeal the decision.

Ms. Peiffer reported interest in the checking account has increased from \$48.35 to \$825.83 and thanked the Board for passing Resolution 232.

Trustee Schulte brought up discussions he's had with various people in the town hall about having a bank branch near Copley Circle using the Township's funds as a lure. Mr. Schulte also spoke with the school board and said the Board is willing to use their money as well to entice a bank to come to Copley with a separate RFP. He has also talked to two banks and he believes there is a real interest there. One bank he spoke with said that based on the deposits that the school system and the Township would have on deposit, that would probably make a branch breakeven of itself. He recommended that an RFP be prepared ahead of time, instead of waiting for the five-year period. Janice Marshall explained the process that is outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. Mrs. Marshall said they would need to determine inactive funds and dedicate a period of time the funds would remain with the bank. Discussion followed. All discussion is on tape and on file. Trustee Dressler said he was okay to proceed. Trustee Schulte said he would work with Janice on it.

**Administration - Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator**

**2020-21 Resolution** granting permission to enter into a two-year agreement with AppRiver, a third party support host for the security system on the computer network, at a cost of \$3,989.43. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**Fire Department - Chief Chris Bower**

Chief Bower submitted a summary of the detailed report he presented to Board last week. Calls are down 14% in January from last year. Chief Bower expects to see a bump in April or May when the new facility opens where the former Fairlawn Rehab was.

**2020-22 Resolution** granting permission to purchase turnout gear, rescue harnesses and associated equipment at a cost of \$54,000.00. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**Motion** to grant permission to apply for the 2020-2021 Ohio EMS Priority Training and Equipment Grant; amount to be determined. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

**Motion** to grant permission to apply for the Ohio Department of Commerce – Division of State Fire Marshal's 2020 Fire Department Equipment Grant in the amount of \$15,000. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

**Motion** to grant a four-month leave of absence to part-time Firefighter/EMT Pat Friend effective February 7, 2020. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

**Motion** to grant permission for Chief Bower to investigate the hosting of an intern from the University of Akron to work on various projects for the Fire Department including the update of the Emergency Operations Plan, which was last updated about eight years ago. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte.** Mr. Schulte asked if it was a paid internship. Chief Bower said he didn't believe so Trustee Dressler asked if it was tied to the County EMA plan? Chief Bower answered it must mesh with the county plan. **Trustee Dressler called for the vote; the motion carried.**

Trustee Schulte said the report submitted last week, was great! He asked Chief Bower if there were any further updates on Station 2. Chief Bower answered no, this is where the



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Board needs to take affirmative steps. Trustee Dressler said they should have Janice follow-up on behalf of the Board.

**Police Department – Chief Michael Mier**

**2020-23 Resolution** approving the purchase of two security cameras from MGT Network for the Property Room at the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Chief Mier illustrated on the Power Point how property is processed. The company is recommended by SWSCOM System Administrator Nick Sattler. The equipment would be transferrable. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler.**

Trustee Schulte asked if the photographs would be available when they ask for a new police station to demonstrate the need? Chief Mier answered in the affirmative.

**Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler; Aye, and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**2020-23.1 Resolution** to apply for a grant for helmets for Safety Town and the Bike Rodeo. Chief Mier reported that Sandy Bittner has the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Ohio Chapter Foundation & Communication Coordinator for the American Academy of Pediatrics for bicycle helmets for Safety Town. Chief Mier said he would like her to also include the Bike Rodeo. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler.** Trustee Dressler said the Pilot Club used to supply helmets. Chief Mier answered they did, but they do not anymore. Chief Mier said sometimes they get donations from other organizations. Trustee Schulte asked Chief Mier if he knew what the amount would be. Chief Mier answered he did not. **Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler; Aye, and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

Chief Mier submitted the monthly report for January 2020 with a lookback to January 2019.

Trustee Schulte asked Chief Mier the tax status of a property on Heritage Woods Drive. Chief Mier said the County Fiscal Officer's people conducted an inspection and concurred with him that there is not a non-profit school there now and will take steps to remove the tax exemption status. They indicated to Chief Mier they can go back and collect taxes from the years the building was not being used as a non-profit school and would get back to him shortly. Chief Mier said he didn't have anything definitive yet.

**Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director**

**2020-24 Resolution** approving the purchase of an additional counterweight for the Volvo Mini Excavator from C. Norris Manufacturing at a cost of \$3,500.00. The addition of the counterweight allows them to set it a little farther out. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler; Aye, and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

Mr. Mitchell reported the building cleaning contract ad has been out since February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Akron Legal News. A tour of the facilities is scheduled Wednesday, February 10 to show everyone what is involved. Specifications will be handed out at that time.

The auction for the pickup truck on Govdeals starts today. Mr. Mitchell feels it will do very well. Starting bid was \$4,000.

Received from the Summit County Engineer, the 2019 Bridge Condition report, and Mr. Mitchell will email it to the Trustees.

Submitted the 2020 January monthly report via email.

**Community & Economic Development – Mr. Matt Springer**

**2020-25 Resolution** approving the sale of the iconic Bunny Sign to the American Sign Museum located in Cincinnati, Ohio for \$1500. Museum personnel reached out to Copley last year to purchase the sign and will pay for all shipping and handling. **Trustee**

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Mr. Springer requested an Executive Session to discuss potential land acquisition at the end of the meeting and reported on the following:

- The CIC is accepting additional RFQs for the market feasibility study around the Copley Square area. The Board will be meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> and anticipates two additional firms from the Columbus area to submit proposals.
- Received a preliminary site plan from Pad Thai located on Brookwall and South Cleveland Massillon Roads and is subject for a redevelopment. This would be to construct a new Raising Cane's restaurant. This would be the first in Summit County. The closest one is in the North Canton area. Pad Thai would be demolished, a smaller square foot restaurant would be constructed in its place. Ingress and egress would remain the same into the site with a dual lane drive-thru. It will be placed on the March Architectural Review Board agenda for review and discussion.
- There was a stall on the Arby's restaurant, where the former BP gas station was located. The civil engineering firm that was handling the site was replaced. The new firm, CESO, is a local firm in Copley and will meet with the Zoning Department tomorrow morning.
- The Redwood Apartments on Ridgewood Road - tree clearing has begun. The site will be inspected tomorrow to determine where the no clearing, no disturbance fences are being erected. Trustee Schulte asked Matt would it be possible to communicate to the neighbors as he walks the site. Matt said he would certainly do his best. Matt said of the 52-acre site, 17 acres are being disturbed. It amounts to almost 70% of the mature trees are being preserved contrary to the rhetoric out there that the entire site is being cleared. That is factually incorrect. All the regulatory agencies approved the project.
- The January monthly report is just shy of one million dollars in improvements for the month.
- In response to Trustee Schulte's question as to why the property maintenance reports were not accumulative in 2019. These are currently 40 active ongoing cases. Of those 40, there are 10 that are currently in litigation. Those take several months before they resolved.
- Matt said there was nothing new to report on the sewers with the schools.

#### **Old Business**

Trustee Schulte requested that Janice Marshall send a letter to the City of Akron asking when they are going to run the sewer to Copley Fairlawn Middle School, since the teachers have been paying taxes for 25 years and the school system is the single largest JEDD taxpayer.

#### **New Business**

- ✓ **Janice Marshall reported two neighborhood meetings have been scheduled:** Magdalyn-Oaktree-Dexter for February 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM, which will include an update on Township events and discussion on water extension.
- ✓ Westview Estates for March 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM – discussion on the best use of the Township property south of the Town Hall.

#### **Business from the Floor**

Wesley Noland, 249 S Hametown Road, was present to discuss the research he has done in the last six months. Mr. Noland said it would cost him one-half million dollars to make his property buildable land, as the state wants him to do, before he can put a brick on to rebuild the store. He again suggested deed restrictions on the property, just like he did with Bath. Discussion followed. All discussion is on tape and on file. Trustee Schulte said from his perspective, Mr. Noland needs to get his immediate neighbors on board.

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**Executive Session**

With no further business from the floor, Trustee Dressler moved to enter Executive Session to discuss acquisition of land. Trustee Schulte second. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye. The time was 8:05 p.m. Trustee Dressler called a one minute recess.

Trustee Dressler moved to go public at 8:32 p.m., second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

**2020-26 Resolution** to accept the donation of real property consisting of 27.1462 acres from Tri-State Petroleum Company, a West Virginia Corporation, which includes the oil and gas lease. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler; Aye, and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**


**2020-27 Resolution** to accept a donation of real property known as Parcel No.16-00104 from Mary S. Jones. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler; Aye, and Trustee Schulte, Aye.**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:

  
Scott D. Dressler, President

  
Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer